

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1449

Introduced by Assembly Member Hayashi

January 5, 2012

An act to amend Section 49475 of the Education Code, relating to school athletics.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1449, as introduced, Hayashi. School districts: athletics: concussions and head injuries.

Existing law requires a school district that elects to offer an athletic program to receive, on a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information sheet that is signed by the athlete and the athlete's parent or guardian before the athlete's initiating practice or competition.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop and make available on the State Department of Education's Internet Web site a concussion and head injury information sheet that a school district may use to fulfill this requirement.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 49475 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 49475. (a) If a school district elects to offer an athletic
- 4 program, the school district shall comply with both of the
- 5 following:

1 (1) An athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or
2 head injury in an athletic activity shall be immediately removed
3 from the activity for the remainder of the day, and shall not be
4 permitted to return to the activity until he or she is evaluated by a
5 licensed health care provider, trained in the management of
6 concussions, acting within the scope of his or her practice. The
7 athlete shall not be permitted to return to the activity until he or
8 she receives written clearance to return to the activity from that
9 licensed health care provider.

10 (2) On a yearly basis, a concussion and head injury information
11 sheet shall be signed and returned by the athlete and the athlete's
12 parent or guardian before the athlete's initiating practice or
13 competition.

14 *(b) The Superintendent shall develop and make available on*
15 *the department's Internet Web site a concussion and head injury*
16 *information sheet that a school district may use to fulfill the*
17 *requirements of this section.*

18 ~~(b)~~

19 (c) This section does not apply to an athlete engaging in an
20 athletic activity during the regular schoolday or as part of a physical
21 education course required pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section
22 51220.